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Banks.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMpte DE PARIS.
(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP.....\$2,200,000,
RESERVE FUND.....\$300,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, RUE BERGERE,
PARIS.

AGENCIES and BRANCHES at:
LONDON, BOURBON, SAN FRANCISCO,
MARSEILLE, BOMBAY, HONGKONG,
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LONDON BANKERS:
THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange business.

E. G. VOUILLEMONT,
Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1870.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL.....\$200,000,
RESERVE FUND.....\$100,000.
Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months 8 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

" 12 " 5 per cent. "

WILLIAM FORREST,
Manager.

Hongkong, May 10, 1880.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND.....\$1,600,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—The Hon. W. KESWICK.

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LONDON BANKER—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits—

For 8 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation.

No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, August 16, 1880.

Banks.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.
(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3% per Annum.

" 6 " 4% "

" 12 " 5% "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,
Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,

Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. THOMAS GIBB WILLIAMSON has been authorized to sign our Firm in HONGKONG from the date.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.

Hongkong, October 1, 1880.

NOTICE.

WE have authorized Mr JOHN PATRICK LABOR to sign the name of our Firm.

MARGESSON & Co.

Macao, 5th October, 1880.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Sole Agents of the ELLIOTTS METAL COMPANY, Birmingham, for Hongkong and China.

MELCHERS & Co.

Hongkong, Sept. 13, 1880.

Entertainment.

AMUSEMENTS

At Kowloon,
Or about the 18th October,
"Moonlight Masquerade"!

Admission, \$2.

Masques and Tickets to be had at Messrs KHAN & Co.

A. BAHN.

Hongkong, October 8, 1880.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

MUNTZ PATENT YELLOW METAL SHEATHING, all Sizes;

AND COMPOSITION NAILS, in Lots to Suit Purchasers.

G. R. LAMMERT,
Pedder's Wharf Buildings.

Hongkong, July 28, 1880.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, Quarts.....\$1.60 per 1 doz. Case.

Pints.....\$17 per 2 doz. "

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, February 2, 1880.

FOR SALE.

MULLER FRERES CELEBRATED OLD BRANDY, in Cases of 1 dozen Qts.

Apply to HESSE & Co., Sole Agents.

Hongkong, Sept. 1, 1880.

JAPAN SELTZER WATER MANUFACTURED

J. LLEWELLYN & Co. from

JAPAN SPRING WATER AT THEIR

STEAM AERATED WATER FACTORY, Shanghaia.

Agents in Hongkong—Messrs LANE, HOGKONG, July 31, 1880.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use

of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL Office.

Hongkong, Oct. 12, 1880.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, under power contained by Bill of Sale, ON

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE FOR SALE,
EX "GLAMIS CASTLE" AND "GLENNEAGLES."

CARTRIDGE CASES.

CARTRIDGE MACHINES.

CARTRIDGE BELTS.

CARTRIDGE EXTRACTORS.

THICK and THIN WADS.

SHOT—All Sizes.

POWDER—(PICAR & WILKS).

DRAM FLASKS.

CRICKETING SHOES.

KNICKERBOCKER HOSE.

DRESS BOOTS.

BOXING GLOVES.

Hongkong, October 13, 1880.

Auctions.

KELLY & WALSH

HAVE just received Ex "FRENCH MAIL," their NEW STOCK of CHRISTMAS CARDS—Memorandum Tablets for 1880." Firmer's Indian Gardening," Kitchin's "Manual of Anatomy," Johnson's "Hall Map of World," Urquhart's "Electro Plating," "New Judy Annual," "Youth Roundabout," "Mark Twain's "Tramps Abroad," Charles Dickens' "Letters," Vol. 1, Ruskin's "Studies of Wayside Flowers," 2 Vols., Ruskin's "Fors Clavigera," English Men of Letters "Byron," Fruit's "Surgeon's Vade Mecum," Lancastrian's "Degeneration," D'Andrade's "Notes d'un Globe Trotter," Vandenhoff's "Art of Reading Aloud," Spence's "Essays Moral, Political and Anthropic," "Slang Dictionary," "Youth on the Horse," Sankey's "Hymns with Music," Hesketh's "Telegraph Cables," "Zolas L'Assommoir," "Zolas Nana," "Nautical Almanacks for 1881."

Hongkong, October 11, 1880.

To Let.

TO LET.

KOWLOON HOTEL, well furnished, having a BILLIARD TABLE, TWO BILLIARD ALLEYS, and ONE SHOOTING GALLERY.

Apply to D. NOWROJEE, Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, October 12, 1880.

To Let.

ON MARINE LOT NO. 65, FIRST-CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS.

Apply to MEYER & Co., Hongkong, July 20, 1879.

TO LET.

NO. 8, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, containing EIGHT ROOMS and OUT-HOUSES.

No. 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE.

Apply to DAVID SASOON

THE CHINA MAIL.

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For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
HAVN JUST RECEIVED
AMERICAN MAIL.

British Eastern CHEESE,
Young American CHEESE,
Pine Apple CHEESE,
California BUTTER,
HOPS and MALT,
Lamb's TONGUES.

Soused Pig's FEET,
Split PEAS,
Assorted JAMS,
Assorted VEGETABLES,
Assorted MEATS,
Assorted SOUPS.

CODFISH,
Pig's Head CHEESE,
Devilled BACON,

CAVIARE,
California Golden SYRUP,
CIDER.

Whittaker's HAMS,
Breakfast BACON,
COMB HONEY in Frame and
Packets.

PICKLED ON-TONGUES,
Packed PIG'S PAWS,

Boneless COLD-FISH,
Salmon HULLERS,

MACKEREL.

Green TURKEY, 1lb. and 2lb. Thigh,
Borden's Condensed MILK (very fresh),
California BISCUITS (Cakes and Thins).

Ginger CAKES,
MILK BISCUITS,

Soda BISCUITS,

Wafer BISCUITS,

Alphabet BISCUITS,

Oyster BISCUITS.

Buckwheat FLOUR,
CORNMEAL,
RYE MEAL,
HOMINY, Small and Large,
CRACKED WHEAT,

SHELL-BALL NUTS,
PECAN NUTS,

WALNUTS,

SOFT SHELL ALMONDS,

PEA NUTS.

Canned Table Fruits.

Bartlett PEARS,
PEACHES,

GREEN APPLES,
APRICOTS,

QUINCEs,

etc., etc.

Tart FRUITS,
Smoked BEEF,

Smoked OX-TONGUES,

Compressed OX-TONGUES,

Minced MEAT,

Compressed Corned BEEF,

Assorted JELLIES in Glass Jars,

Mixed JELLIES,

Assorted CUP KEEPS,

Corned BEEF,

Queen's OLIVES,

Glass CHOWDER,

Sausage MEAT,

California SARDINES,

PORK and BEANS,

Yeast FOR WINE,

Smoked SALMON,

PORT in 200lb. Barrels,

BEEF in 20lb. Barrels,

Veal MULLET,

Caviare SAUCE,

Apple SAUCE,

Butter BEANS,

Brown BEANS.

We have the following articles in stock:
Large or Small Quantities in Bulk.
Fine Valencia RAISINS
Fine Patras CURRANTS
Smyrna FIGS.
Good Breakfast TEA at 20 Cents per lb.
Fine MIXTURE in 5 & 10 Catty Boxes.

CROSSLING & BLACKWELL
HOUSEHOLD STORES

JOHN MOIR & CO.

ILLUSTRATED PRESERVES

We beg to direct special attention to our
well selected Stock of

Wines, Spirits, &c.

HAMILTON & CO.'S MONOPOLY, Pts. & Qua.
MUMM (Julius) CHAMPAGNE, Pts. & Qua.
CHARLES HEIDENRECK'S WHITE SEAL,
Pints and Quarts.

CHATEAU LAFITE (DUROLLE & ADEAUX),
Pinted Quarts.

CHATEAU LAFITE, Pints and Quarts.

IMES GUALES, Pints and Quarts.

BREAKFAST CHARTER, Pints & Quarts.

OLD INVALID CLARET.

ST. JULIEN, &c., &c.

Burgundy, Hock, Sherries, &c.

Chambord, Chablis (white), Liebfraumilch,
Hockheimer, Riesling, Steinberger
Cabinet, Rudesheimer Berg, Konig-
liche Vitis, Herren Chardonnay, Grand Vin Haut
Sauvignon, Marais, Sac-
coud's Pale Dry White Seal

Sherry, Yellow Seal Amontillado

Sherry, Cutler Palmer and Company's

Sherry, Invalid Port (1848), Hunt's Port

Brandy, Whisky, Liqueurs, &c.

1, 2 and 3-star Hennessy's Brandy, La

Grande Marque L'andy, Cointer Paster
& Co.'s Brandy, 1 to 4 stars.

Fine Old Scotch Whisky, highly recom-
mended. Kinsham's L'Irish Whisky,

Jamison's Irish Whisky, Royal

Glenlivet Whisky.

AVH Gin, Swaine Board & Co.'s Old Tom

Gin, La Grande Chartreuse, Green

and Yellow, Marschino de Zara,

Corsico, Pts. & Qua.; Ango-

stura, Boker's and Orange

Bitters, &c., &c., &c.

BASS' ALE, bottled by GAMBON & SAW-

DERS, Pints and Quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. & J.

BURKE, Pints and Quarts.

PILSENER BEER, in Quarts.

DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the

Gallon.

Fine ALE, bottled by MacE., F. & Co.

ALE and PORTER, in Bulk, (Hogheads
and Kilderkins).

SHIP'S STORES and SAIL-MAKING.

Hongkong, October 8, 1880.

Mails.

Insurances.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong
for the above Company, are prepared
to grant Policies against FIRE, to the
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or
on Merchandise in the same, at the
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

LONDON & STAFFORDSHIRE FIRE
INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HERITAGE CALLED THE

STAFFS REDSHIRE FIRE INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to issue
Policies covering FIRE RISKS at
Current Rates.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, August 26, 1880. no26

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to grant In-
surance at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,

Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY OF

MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling
of which is paid up £100,000

Reserve Fund upwards of £120,000 "

Annual Income £250,000 "

THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai,
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurance at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,

Hongkong, October 15, 1879.

VANGUERSE INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL Fully Paid-up—Tls. 420,000

PERMANENT RESERVE—Tls. 230,000

ESPECIAL RESERVE FUND—Tls. 263,208

TOTAL CAPITAL AND AC-
CRUATION—Tls. 818 — Tls. 913,268

April, 1880.

Directors.

E. B. FOLGER, Esq., Chairman.

W. M. BROWN, Esq.

J. H. PEARSON, Esq.

F. D. HITCH, Esq.

W. M.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

MANSON RUSSELL & CO., Merchants.

LONDON BRANCH.

BLUNDELL BARKING BROTHERS & CO.,
Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent.

83 and 85, Cornhill.

Permit granted on Marine Risks to all
parts of the World.

Subject to a charge of 12% for Interest
on Shareholders' Capital, all the Profits
of the Undeveloped BUSINESS are ad-
equately distributed among all Contributors
of Business in proportion to the Profits
paid by them.

RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, October 1, 1880. Oct81

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

of

His Majesty King George The First,

A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either
in London or at the principal Ports of

India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding

£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of</

THE CHINA MAIL.

To the duties of P. M. O. in this Colony, Vice-Douglas General MacKinnon, G.B., transferred to Malta.

The story of "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves" has apparently been bothering the mind of our local contemporary. The other day, we were told that "80 or 90 professinal thieves" (not ordinary thieves, he it remembered, but "professional thieves," whatever that may mean), had come down from Canton to ply their vocation in this Colony. The strictest enquiry in quarters which could not but have known of such an invasion had it taken place satisfies us that the whole story is a pure fabrication. The publication of such wild and vicious statements is the most baneful outcome of the silly season. Our contemporary had much rather stick to Yako Khan as his "big gooseberry," and drag him in by the cuff of the neck whenever matter is scarce, than trifle with the feelings of the community by the publication of the veriest visionaries like the statement we have just controverted.

The Acting Consul for Russia (Mr Adolph Andre) writes to us with reference to our paragraph of last night concerning the collision between the S. S. *Abbay* and H. M. R. M.'s ship *Plastoun*, in which we stated that the accident had occurred in consequence of the latter showing no lights. Mr Andre states that the *Plastoun* carried the regulation lights, at the time of the accident, and that there is no reason to throw the blame on the Russian vessel, the less so, as no investigation of the case has taken place. The injuries sustained on both sides being insignificant, the Acting Consul adds that it has been amicably arranged between the owners of the *Abbay*, Messrs Douglas Lapraik & Co., and the Consulate, that each party shall bear the costs of the repair to the respective vessels.

We understand that Commissary John MacFarlane, for some years second officer in command of the Communist Department in Hongkong, leaves for home tomorrow, by the steamer *Bellerophon*. Commissary MacFarlane left England for this station in December 1876, and having completed his term of service, will return from the Department on his arrival in England. Mr MacFarlane's rank as Commissary, ranking as Major, dates back as far as August 1871, under the old Control Department, and was confirmed by the now Regulations in November 1875; his previous appointment of Deputy Commissary bears date of February 1870. The retirement of Mr MacFarlane seems to us to be another illustration of the defects of the now retirement scheme; that of Colonel Shervington being also a glaring case of inconsistency. It may weed the Service of a few broken-down men, but the bulk of those retired will be as able for good work as those left behind.

We have had, to-day, a sample of very threatening if not dangerous weather in Hongkong. A strong E.N.E. wind has been blowing from early morning, which at about 2 p.m. had heightened almost to a gale, and had raised a very choppy and nasty sea for small craft in the Harbour. All the cargo-boats, sampans and most of the steam-launches had disappeared into some place of safety before noon, some of the steamers from the wharf also changing their anchorage for greater safety. The Chin-kiang and the Nemon anchored near Hung Ham, the Moray, the White Cloud and the Powan went over to near Yow-mah-ti, to safer mooring ground than was to be found at their usual positions in the harbour. Rain has fallen heavily the whole day and comes down as heavily as ever as we write at a late hour in the afternoon. The following is to-day's (10 o'clock a.m.) weather report from the Harbour Master's office:—

Barometer, 30.02
Thermometer attached, 79.
Wind E.N.E. Force, 7.
Weather, O.C.R.Q.
Rain fallen, 0.60.

The variations in the Barometer at Mr Noble's establishment, which we have been kindly favoured with, were follows:—

At 9 a.m., 29.97.
At 1 p.m., 29.91.
At 4 p.m., 29.88.

So that there has not been a fall of a tenth during the whole day.

A MEETING was held in St. Andrew's Hall, City Hall, this afternoon, of Scotchmen interested in the celebration of the forthcoming St. Andrew's Anniversary, at which there was a small, but representative gathering of some twenty gentlemen. On the motion of Mr Legge, Mr John MacGregor was called to the chair. The Chairman having stated the purpose of the meeting and explained the reason why they had been called together this year by advertisement instead of the usual course being adopted in organising a Committee, invited proposals and opinions. Mr J. MacCallum proposed, and Mr T. G. Williamson seconded a motion that the Celebration of St. Andrew's Day this year by the Scotchmen of this Colony take the form of a Ball, same as last year. Mr Legge, more as a test of the opinion of the meeting, he said, than for any other reason, proposed an amendment that the celebration take the form of a Dinner instead of a Ball as proposed. Mr J. R. McDonald seconded the amendment. A most sensible suggestion was thrown out by Mr Robert Fraser-Smith, in a brief speech in opposition to the amendment for

lapsing into the Scotch dinner again, for the formation of a Permanent Association of Scotchmen such as existed in Shanghai and in a quiet way does a vast amount of good work. The Chairman, thanking Mr Smith for again pressing the matter forward, mentioned that the advisability of forming such a St. Andrew's Society had been brought up before the last two or three meetings, and some steps had been taken with that end in view. He hoped the idea, which was an excellent one, would be brought to a successful issue. He spoke highly from personal experience of the success of the Shanghai Society. The amendment being put to the meeting was voted for by the mover and seconder and one else. The motion for a Ball on the same lines as last year's successful meeting was then put and carried, nem. con. Mr A. Macdonald proposed and Mr Robt. Fraser-Smith seconded a motion to the effect that the last year's Committees, with power to add to their number, be the Committee to take in hand the arrangements for the forthcoming Ball now agreed on. The Chairman stated that of last year's Committee there were only besides himself, Mr Ryrie, Mr Legge, Mr Nobis, Mr Mackintosh, and Mr Gillies now resident in the Colony. This motion was also carried unanimously. Mr A. F. Smith proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Committee of last year for the great success they had organised and carried to completion, which was heartily given and briefly acknowledged by Mr Mackintosh, who promised that the Committee if they could not eclipse last year's celebration would strive to the utmost to equal it. The meeting was most genial and enthusiastic, and the Scotchmen may look forward to something creditable to their national instincts, and those of their national features for which they are so well known all over the world, being arranged for the 30th November. The Patron Saint's Day this year falls on a Tuesday, which is the English Mail Day, (not French Mail day, as was stated by one of the gentlemen present), and this may cause some little inconvenience, which, however, no one will grudge who has, and who in the Colony has not—at heart a warm desire to see the Scotch Ball which opens the season, a brilliant, happy, and enjoyable gathering of "John Tamson's bairns" and their friends.

The following is the Calendar for the Criminal Sessions which open on the 18th instant:—

1. Lee Kun Che and Chu Awai larceny
2. Li Aoo, larceny from the person.
3. Wong Ayau and 8 others; larceny from a week.
4. C. Aing and Chau Alin, being in possession of counterfeit coin.
5. Lee Kun Che, burglary.
6. Wong Aao and Ip Aoi, unlawfully by force detaining a citizen under the age of 14 years with the intent to deprive the mother of the child of his possession.

7. Wong Akin and Chan Amoi, unlawfully by force taking away a child under the age of 14 years with intent to deprive the father of the child of its possession.

The following passengers were booked for Southampton, Sept. 10, per P. & O. steamer *Ceylon*, Venice and Brindisi, Oct. 6, Rev. J. and Mrs. B. L. Webster, Mr and Mrs W. N. Bain, and Mr A. Kopsch, for Marseilles, Sept. 19, per M. M. steamer *Ava*—Mr H. J. Webster, Mr and Mrs W. N. Bain, and Mr A. Kopsch, for Hongkong.

From Southampton, Sept. 27, per P. & O. steamer *Ceylon*, Venice and Brindisi, Oct. 6, Rev. J. and Mrs B. L. Webster, Mr and Mrs W. N. Bain, and Mr A. Kopsch, for Hongkong.

From Marseilles, Oct. 3, per M. M. steamer *Diamond*—Mrs Kewick and four children, Miss Churchill, Miss Wilson, Mrs Henderson and two children, Mr Edward Henderson and Miss Henderson for Hongkong. Mr and Mrs Arthur Anderson, Mr and Mrs Ferguson and two daughters, and Mr G. Lay, for Shanghai.

From Southampton, Oct. 6, per P. & O. steamer *Bokhara*, Brindisi, Oct. 18, Rev. Mr and Mrs Gordon (*sic* Bombay).

From Southampton, Oct. 21, via Brindisi, Nov. 8, Mr and Mrs Linstead, and two daughters, and Mr and Mrs Hugh Smith, for Hongkong.

From Marseilles, per M. M. steamer *Azores*, Mr and Mrs Simpson for Shanghai.

The following extract from an officer at Kandahar to his brother in this Colony, has been kindly placed at our disposal for publication:—

I suppose you had seen by the papers that we arrived here on the 31st August, and what we gave Ayub for breakfast on the following morning. We had hard marching from Kabul, Breville's at 1 a.m.; march at 2; and sometimes it was 4 p.m. before the rear guard was in camp. Time for breaking bread, and sometimes water, was scarce. We knew three soldiers that we were a long way ahead of General Phayre's column and the Ayub had not bolted, so the long sandy roads and the want of sleep were不堪. On our arrival here we pitched camp between the city and Ayub's position. Some of the enemy's shells burst just in front of our advance guard, but night coming on, they stopped firing. On the morning of the 1st after having some food, we struck camp and moved everything into a walled garden. We then fell in. Out of about 700 of us only three men were sick. We were about an hour in getting into position, and then the show commenced. A boy had no chance from the first; we drove them before us, and in about two hours we were in possession of their guns; we chased them through their camp and captured all they had except their horses which they mounted, scudding for their lives. I am sorry to say that our Colonel was killed early in the day, also the Capt. of B company. The Capt. of C company was wounded, also the adjutant. We were surprised at the small number of our men killed and wounded, considering the numbers in the enemy's camp, and Roberts came up and was loudly cheered. He had a few words for every regiment. It was a sight to be remembered.

Hongkong, Oct. 15.

SIR.—Some unwise fellow who pretends to be Scotchman and yet makes Robbie Burns speak nonsense, has been addressing the *Press* on the best mode of celebrating the Scotch Anniversary, and imagine he has made a hit when he proposes a *Dinner* at which both ladies and gentlemen should be invited. He ought to be come or created with a failing memory. The idea he propounds as his own, has been discredited over and over again, and invariably pronounced by the overwhelming opinion of those who have any right to speak in the matter to be utterly impracticable. To my mind it carries its own condemnation upon the face of it. It's worse than the proposal of the "Man of the Maras." The correspondent of the *Press*, no doubt with a view to secure the admission of his letter, begins with a sneer at the *China Mail* and the correspondents who have addressed that journal,—recognisedly

the death at Sea of the Captain of the *Luna*, which we reported yesterday, has circumstances of peculiar sadness attending it. At a Court of Inquiry held before Mr Martin Dohmen, H. M.'s Acting Consul, Benjamin Raven, the mate, deposed:— "Soon after we left Antwerp the deceased complained of being unable to retain any food on his stomach. He continued complaining for about ten days and then his mind became deranged for long intervals. I and the steward attended him, though he took his own medicine. He was not so bad at that time as to cause me to think he was never left alone. He was on the day of his death—about four hours before he died—seen to appear sane. He said 'I am going to die.' You can take the chart, take charge of the vessel and make the best passage you can. All my personal effects I wish to go to my sister." He seemed to think that his wife was dead. He never spoke again in my presence." The steward of the vessel and another witness corroborated the evidence of the mate. The finding of the Court was that: Miller Irvin, master of the British ship *Lupata*, of London, official No. 70,704, died at sea on board that ship, on the 9th day of June 1880, in lat. 4.55' North, and long. 24.15' West, from Natural causes.—*Japan Gazette*.

(London & China Express, Sept. 10.)

The question of the cession, and granting of a charter, for a territory in the north of Burma, has not progressed much during the Sessions owing partly to the pressure of business upon Lord Granville, and also to a few technical difficulties which had to be overcome. The question, however, will now receive the earnest attention of the Foreign Secretary, and something definite may be expected before long.

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